

ASPIRA Academy
Pre-Screening Information Letter for Parents

To: Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Hearing (Kindergarten) , vision (Kinder, 2nd, 4th and 7th Grades), and 5th-8th Grades postural/gait-Scoliosis screenings will be conducted by school nurses to students, as required by Delaware state regulations. Please see the approximate schedule on the back of this page.

Why is screening important?

Hearing - The ability to communicate effectively impacts the well-being of a child, in terms of education, physical and social development. Early identification and intervention of hearing loss is critical in supporting speech/language development and full participation in the learning process. Even mild hearing losses may be educationally and medically significant.

Vision - Vision problems are common amongst school aged children and adolescents. If vision problems are not detected and treated early, they can lead to permanent vision loss and learning difficulties. When a child has an undiagnosed vision problem, it makes it much harder for them to succeed in school, sports, social situations, and in life.

Postural & Gait- For more than 30 years, Delaware students in grades 5 through 9 have been screened annually to detect orthopedic problems such as scoliosis. Scoliosis is a curvature of the spine. This thirty-second screening may result in early detection and treatment, consequently avoiding surgical correction.

How will the results be shared?

- If your child passes the screening, you will **not** be notified by your school nurse. You are welcome to contact the nurse to learn the screening findings.
- If your child does not pass the screening, the school nurse will contact you to share the results and may make a recommendation for further evaluation by a specialist.

School screening provides only a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the screening was administered and is not a substitute for a complete exam.

If you have any questions about the school screening programs, please contact the school nurse.

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7th Grade Vision screenings week of 10/18-10/20

Scoliosis checks 5th Grade-8th Grade the week of 10/27-11/3

4th Grade Vision screenings the week of 10/9-10/13

2nd Grade Vision screenings the week of 10/23-10/27

Kindergarten Vision and hearing screenings the week of 11/6-11/10

***If a student is not here the day of the screening the Nurse will call them down for a check once they are back in school.**

Thank you!